

NWCT Newsletter

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A PLACE AT THE TABLE—SAVING ROOM FOR THE ARTS

As 2008 draws to a close, and NWCT engages its supporters through [membership](#), we are reminded of the challenges of giving in periods of economic adversity. Unpredictable times require us to reevaluate our priorities, to decide what things we can live without and what we are compelled to preserve. We make different choices, as spending becomes more thoughtful and deliberate. Consumers become cautious. As a result, families are returning to what's important to themselves and to their communities.

The Northwest is defined by its values; whether we are pioneer stock of the previous

century, or transplants and techies of the '80s and '90s, we've paved the way for sustainability, advances in technology and groundbreaking arts scenes. We've led the nation in the most important scientific, creative and environmental movements that define the last hundred years. And now is our moment to lead again.

This season, please give. [Renew your membership or become a member](#) of NWCT, and support other nonprofits as well. Let the nation see that we believe investing in our communities is not something that ebbs and flows with the economic tide, but is

a priority, year after year. Let us invest in the organizations we cherish, ensuring they survive and are made stronger for the generations that follow.

This coming year, let us strengthen our existing relationships and create new ones. Let us give.



Melody Bridges, Development Director
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THE WIZARD OF OZ

"There's no place like home!" Follow Dorothy down the Yellow Brick Road in this perfect holiday outing for the whole family! Adapted by John Kane, based on the book by L. Frank Baum with music and lyrics by Harold Arlen, E. Y. Harburg and Herbert Stothart, featuring the Oscar-winning song, "Over the Rainbow."

The Wizard of Oz runs Dec. 13, 2008-Jan. 4, 2009. Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

Special holiday matinees and newly added shows! Tue., Wed. & Fri., Dec. 23-26, 30 and Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 21 & 28, at 7 p.m. For tickets, call 503-222-4480, or visit www.nwcts.org.

To learn more about NWCT's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, download our free [educational guide](#) here!

DEC. CALENDAR

The Wizard of Oz (plays until Jan. 4)

- 13-30 Oz—mainstage
- 13 Oz Grandparents' Day
- 19 Oz Family Date Night
- 26 Oz Scout Night

Kid's Co. NW Holiday Shows

- 6 Bolton School
- 13 Tanasbourne Mall
- 16-17 **On the NWCT mainstage:**
There's No Place Like Home!
& *Sweet Holiday Treats!*
- 18 Tualatin Library

THE GIFT OF THEATER

What better way to celebrate the season than buying a class for your favorite performer? NWCT has fun classes year-round for every age and experience level, from First Stage classes (ages 3-6) for our littlest performers to Skills Classes (ages 6-18) to build and hone theater skills. Playlabs (ages 8 and up) rehearse and perform a play, and our popular winter Family Class provides an opportunity for kids, parents (and even grandparents, aunts or uncles) to perform together!

Tuition starts at just \$125 for nine week term; NWCT members receive 10% off every class. Not sure which one to buy? Call 503-222-4480 to purchase a gift certificate and your favorite entertainer can choose for themselves. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of winter theater classes at NWCT.

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of young audiences**